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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT

Tentative Plans of Senator Robert Kennedy

to Visit West Berlin on 1 May

REFERENCE

EGBA-86312, dated 12 April 1968

- 1. This memorandum is for your information.
- 2. We have just been advised by Berlin Base that Senator Robert Kennedy may plan to speak at the 1 May rally in West Berlin.
- 3. The Press Chief of the West Berlin Senate, Peter Herz, told a CIA staff officer that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had originally been scheduled to appear at the 1 May rally. After King's assassination the Berlin Senate authorized the Roy Bernard Public Relations Agency of New York to invite Senator Kennedy as a replacement speaker. According to Herz, Senator Kennedy informed the Bernard Agency that he wanted a written invitation, which has been issued.
- 4. Herz also mentioned that the U.S. Mission to Berlin had been informed of these plans but our Berlin Base has seen no mention of the matter in Mission traffic.
- 5. The annual May Day rally in Berlin has become a tradition. It takes place in a large field in front of the restored Reichstag building, which is immediately adjacent to the sector border between East and West Berlin near the Brandenburg Gate.

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